Pietas Hallensis:

OR, AN

ABSTRACT

OF THE

Marvellous Footsteps

OF

DIVINE PROVIDENCE,

Attending the Management and Improvement of the

ORPHAN-HOUSE

AT

Glaucha near *Hall*;

And of other

Charitable Foundations

relating to it.

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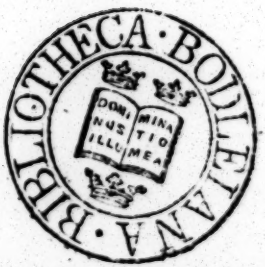
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TO THE READER.

THE *following Papers contain a further Collection of ſome of the* Providential Foot-ſteps *attending the charitable Foundations ſet up at* HALL, *for the Maintenance of the Poor. An Account of the firſt* Riſe, *and of the ſucceeding* Progreſs *of this Work, together with the various* Tryals *and* Providences *obſerv'd in it, hath been printed at large in the Year* 1705, *under the Title of* Pietas Hallenſis : *Or, a* publick Demonſtration of the Foot-Steps of a Divine Being yet in the World; in an Hiſtorical Narration of the Orphan-houſe, and other charitable Inſtitutions at *Glaucha* near *Hall. Soon after it was for the more general Benefit publiſh'd by way of* Abſtract, *and reprinted in the Year* 1707, *with ſeveral* Recommendations *of ſome eminent Divines of the Church of* England *prefixed to it.*

The following Collection, containing ſome more of the moſt illuſtrious Inſtances of that Providence, *which hitherto hath overruled the pious Foundations there, being thus related to that* Account, *'tis ſuppoſed, the Reader is acquainted with the moſt material Circumſtances of the firſt* Narrative; *that in this Coherence a Continuation of the Gracious and* Providential Foot-Steps *of God, may prove the more acceptable to him: Some of thoſe that have peruſed the Account at large, being deſirous, to hear of the Continuance of a Work now kept up for theſe* Fourteen *Years by ſuch occaſional and ſeaſonable Supplies, as well-inclined and publick-ſpirited Perſons have hitherto been pleas'd to confer upon it.*

'Tis true, ſeveral Eſtabliſhments have been raiſed, from whence in Time ſome Relief may be drawn: Yet the Number both of poor Students and Children multiplying all along with the Work itſelf, and being now in the End of this 1709th *Year, advanced to above* Three Hundred *and* Sixty *Souls, freely maintained in the Houſe, the whole Undertaking muſt alſo of conſequence prove the more* expenſive, *and the Aſſiſtance of Friends as* neceſſary *as ever: Though indeed Narratives of this nature will be only reliſh'd by ſuch, as*

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are induſtrious Obſervers of the Signs of the preſent Age, ſignalized by ſo many extraordinary Efforts, as in Time may tend to a compleater Reformation of Life and Manners in ſeveral parts of Europe.

As for the Foundation the following Papers treat of, any impartial and unprepoſſeſs'd Reader, may, by taking a narrow View thereof, ſoon be convinced of a particular Providence appearing all along for its Relief. It has the Character of an Univerſal Benignity *ſtamped upon it. And truly, all the Circumſtances obſerv'd hitherto in the Management thereof, ſeem to conſpire as it were, to render the whole Deſign ſtill more* general *and* extenſive. *Poor Children, Orphans, Widows, Students, Vagrants, Sick and impotent Perſons, both ſuch as live near the Place, and ſuch as come from other Parts, and even ſome of foreign Nations, have had all along a ſhare in the bountiful Emanations hitherto deriv'd on this Work. Where one can't but obſerve, that as theſe Gifts are laid out in as* enlarg'd *a Manner as poſſibly can be; ſo the Lord hath ſtirred up almoſt all Manner of People in moſt of the Proteſtant Countries, to favour this Foundation with ſmall or* large *Contributions, according to their ſeveral Abilities. And this*

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entirely by a free and inward Motion to do good, without the Compulsion of any humane Law charg'd upon, or tiresome Solicitation laid before them. Thus Gifts have been sent from Pomerania, Thuringia, Franconia, Westphalia, *&c. together with some Hansee-Towns and free Imperial Cities. Nay, should one step beyond the Borders of* Germany, *one may find some Charity transmitted from* England, Holland, Sweedland, Lithuania, *and even from* Venice. *But of this the following* Collection about the special Favours of God *towards the Orphan-House, will inform the Reader more fully.*

As for the PERSONS, who all along have concurr'd in relieving the Work once begun; there appears a wonderful Variety of providential Dispensations, attended however with a Unity of Hearts and Hands to support it. Some Persons, even of the first Rank, have bestow'd Marks of Bounty upon it, Princes and Counts, Noblemen, Ladies, Gentlewomen, Publick Ministers, Envoys, Counsellers, Generals, Colonels, and other Military Officers; Superintendents, University-Professors, Parsons, Doctors of Law and Physick, Masters of Schools, Students, Merchants, Apothecaries, Pewterers, Taylors,

lers, Shoemakers, Country-men, Widows, Orphans, Maiden-Gentlewomen, Children, Men-Servants, Maid-Servants, Foreigners, Travellers, nay, poor and indigent Persons; from whom, by reason of the Streightness of their own Circumstances, no such thing was expected, have readily cast in their Mite for a supply of our Necessities. And this in a very hard Time too, and in a Country exhausted by long and oppressive Wars and Calamities. And who would not look upon this as a Matter of comfortable Reflection, discovering the more secret Influence of the supreme Disposer of all our Blessings, who alone is able, to melt and to mollify the Hearts of Men into so many generous Acts of Love and Tenderness?

But one Branch more about the Variety of *GIFTS conferr'd hitherto on the Hospital, may be added, for the Satisfaction of the Reader. There is not only sent in* Money *for the Subsistance of the Poor; but withal other Necessaries requisite for the Management of so numerous a Family. They have sent Corn, Meal, Malt, Beer, Meat, Fish, Herrings, Salt, Butter, Cheese, &c. Several Merchants have given some Remnants of Cloth; others have bestow'd Hats, Caps, Shirts, Neck-cloths,*

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Table-Cloths, Sheets, Beds, Linnen, Flax, Pewter-Cups, Plates, Diſhes, Paper, Books, Akers, Horſes, Silver-Cups, Silver-Spoons, Silver-Buttons, Gold Rings, Necklaces of Gold, Gold Ear-rings, Gold Bracelets, Parcels of Gold and Silver-lace, Broad-pieces, Jewels, a Diamond, Medals, whole Suits of rich and embroider'd Cloaths, &c. And theſe Preſents being generally attended with ſome Circumſtances of Providence, *and falling in at a Time, when Want and Neceſſity cried for Relief, have prov'd undoubtedly noble Supports towards a reſign'd Dependance upon the Lord, and diſpos'd the Minds of thoſe that engag'd in it, to an eaſy and grateful Liking of all the Determinations and Appointments of Heaven.*

May the Lord be pleas'd, to diſplay more and more the Riches of his abundant Mercy in theſe latter Days, by bleſſing all ſuch Projects as have a ſincere Tendency to the promoting of his Glory and the Improvement of our moſt holy Religion! Whoſo is wiſe, and will obſerve thoſe Things, even they ſhall underſtand the Loving Kindneſs of the Lord.

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The Marvellous FOOT-STEPS OF *Divine Providence*,

Attending the Management of the *Orphan-House*, and of other Charitable Foundations at *Glaucha* near *Hall*, *&c.*

CHAP. I.

Giving an Account of ſome providential and occaſional Contributions in the Year 1707.

THE *PROVIDENCE* of God hath been very Conſpicuous both in the Beginning of this Work, and in the ſucceeding Progreſs

thereof. Small and great Sums of Money have been ſent in, without mentioning, from whence or from whom they came, the Payment thereof being diſcharg'd by another Hand, and only a Receipt deſired from me about their ſafe delivery. And thus it has happen'd many a Time, even until now.

For Inſtance: One had given orders before his Death, that one *Hundred* Rixdollars ſhould be made over to me, for the Uſe of the Hoſpital. This was truly perform'd, but the Name of the Deceaſed never came to my Knowledge.

§. 2. At another time *Twelve* Rixdollars were ſent in, together with theſe Words written on a Paper: *They that put their Truſt in him, ſhall underſtand the Truth, and ſuch as be faithful in love, ſhall abide with him: For Grace and Mercy is to his Saints, and he hath care for his Elect.* "The "Lord be humbly praiſed, who ſo "glorioufly diſplayes his Wonders "in the Work of Faith. He grant "that this Charity, done by his own "free Motion, may alſo prove an in-"creaſe of his Bleſſing, and a com-

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" fortable Relief to the Poor in the " Hoſpital. May he ſtrengthen the " Faith of thoſe, that in the car- " rying on of this Work entirely " rely upon him! that others alſo " may know in time, how happy they " be, that put their Truſt in him. " This is the wiſh of one, that well " knows, how far ſhe is ſtill behind " in the Work of Grace, and deſireth " for her further Progreſs, a Share " in your daily Prayers and Suppli- " cations to the Lord.

§. 3. At another time a *Silver-Cup* was ſent into the Hoſpital, with a Paper, containing the following Words: " This ſmall Gift is pre- " ſented, to ſupply the Neceſſity of the " Poor, by ſome Friends, who deſire to " be remembred by you to the Lord. " May the Lord be pleas'd to make " run over your and our Cup, and " to let his Goodneſs and Mercy " follow us, all the Days of our " Life!

Another Perſon had done up a parcel of *Caps*, for the Uſe of the poor Girls, and having ſeal'd them up in a Bagg, convey'd them into my Houſe,

with the following Words writ upon a Paper:

" *Bleſſed is he that conſidereth the* " *Poor; the Lord will deliver him in the* " *time of Trouble. The Lord will pre-* " *ſerve him, and keep him alive, and* " *he ſhall be bleſſed upon Earth; and* " *he will not deliver him into the Will* " *of his Enemies; The Lord will ſtrengthen* " *him upon the Bed of languiſhing:* And " bleſſed be the Lord, who alſo hath " ſupported me in time of great want " and neceſſity.

§. 4. At another time, when a certain Town was beſieg'd by the Allies, a Perſon of Quality, who bore a great Office in the Army, ſent in from the Camp *Forty* Rixdollars for the ſupport of the Hoſpital.

At another time a Perſon of a noble Extraction, conferred on the Hoſpital a *Diamond*, the intrinſick Value whereof amounted to *Two Hundred* and *Thirty* Rixdollars. And hereafter another Nobleman beſtowed likewiſe ſome precious Jewels of a great Price, being ſold for the Benefit of the Hoſpital for *One Thouſand Nine Hundred* Rixdollars.

§. 5. A Student of Divinity having read, in one of the former *Accounts*, that a poor *Maid-Servant* had given part of her Wages to our Orphans, ſent word, that by ſo ſhining a pattern of Love and Charity, he did find himſelf wrought upon likewiſe to caſt in part of his Salary, to the ſame purpoſe. It was a Sum, amounting to about *Two* and *Twenty* Rixdollars, almoſt the half of the Salary, which he had taken up for ſome Years paſt in the Place he then was engaged in.

§. 6. A foreign Envoy, reading the *Account* concerning the Hoſpital, found himſelf ſtirr'd up, to confer the Sum of *Fifty* Rixdollars. And another Envoy being inform'd of the State of the pious Foundations here, by one who himſelf had taken a view of it, order'd *Fifty* Rixdollars more to be tranſmitted for the ſame Uſe, having already once before beſtowed *Eight Lewis d'Or* for our relief.

§. 7. A Merchant at *London*, after having perus'd the *Narrative* relating to the Hoſpital here, writ to his Correſpondent, a *French* Merchant at *Hall*, whether the Things, recorded at large

in the Book, publiſhed of late on behalf of the Charity-Houſe at *Hall*, were true? He anſwered him, they were true, the thing it ſelf, obvious to every one's Eyes, ſpeaking the Truth thereof. Whereupon he ordered him to preſent the Hoſpital with a *New-Years-Gift* of *Five Pound* Sterling, about the Entrance of the Year 1707.

It has been mentioned in a former *Account*, that after the Tranſlation of the Book into *Engliſh*, a Contribution had been ſent over from *England* by ſome well-diſpoſed Gentlemen and Encouragers of the Foundations here. This was followed afterwards by *Eight* Guinea's more, and ſoon after by a ſingle Guinea.

§. 8. A Patron from *Auſtria* ſent *Four* and *Twenty* Rixdollars, after God had wonderfully preſerved him in a great Inundation, happening in *Sileſia*, and carrying off part of his Eſtate there.

At another place one had the Miſfortune to be robb'd of part of his Money. He that had done it, happening to come hither, was wrought upon, and brought to a ſerious Senſe of his Sin, and of the Guilt contracted there-

thereby. He offer'd now willingly to reſtore, to the right Owner, what by baſe Practices had been taken from him. But the Owner, moved by the ſignal Mercy, viſibly conferr'd on this Wretch, readily beſtowed upon the Hoſpital what was regained by ſo ſerious a Repentance.

§. 9. Several Perſons having in a particular Manner deſired the Prayers of the Hoſpital, have either at the ſame time, or ſoon after, when the Lord was pleas'd to relieve them, ſent ſome Supply or other to the Hoſpital. At this rate once came in *Two* Ducats, with theſe Words: "Here comes a "ſmall Gift for the Relief of the "*Orphan-Houſe* at *Hall*, and the Pray-"ers of the poor Babes are deſired by "a Perſon, too much entangled into the "Vanity and Pleaſures of the World; "that the Lord would be pleas'd, "by recalling him from the broad "Way of the World, to bring him over "to the narrow Path of true *Repen-"tance* and *Self-denial*.

At another time a Gift for the Poor, was put into my Hands, and a Letter with the following Words: "This "is ſent by a Perſon, that is troubled

" in mind, and deſireth to have your " Prayers.

§. 10. It has been ſaid in a former *Account*, that by the Grace of God, and a ſingle Reliance upon his infinite Goodneſs, we now and then had joyfully born the preſent want, and comforted our ſelves with a ſilent Expectation of the Hour of the Viſitation of God. The ſame Grace hath all along conſpicuouſly diſcover'd itſelf, under many Trials, befalling us. Once it ſo fell out, that one of my Fellow-Labourers, in an Evening-Conference declared, that all our Money was ſpent; I replied: *I am glad on't: For this is a ſore-running token the Lord will give us a freſh ſupply. He from a Child has given me all along a pair of new Shooes, whenever the old ones have been worn out.* The next Morning one came in betimes, and deliver'd *Two Hundred* Rixdollars, committed to his care, for the Uſe of the Hoſpital. This being attended with the Circumſtances aforeſaid, gave no ſmall Encouragement to our further dependance upon God.

§. 11. At another time a Preſent was ſent to the Hoſpital, with theſe Words

Words on a Paper: "My dear Children, your beloved Jesus sends you "here by one, known to him, but "unknown to you, a relief towards "your necessity. Be careful for no-"thing, for thus says the Lord God: "*The Barrel of Meal shall not waste,* "*neither shall the Cruise of Oyl fail.*" Put "your trust entirely in the Lord Je-"sus, grow in his Grace, and pray, "and be sure, that he is up to revive "also in others a Spirit of Love and "Benignity to supply your Occasions.

§. 12. Some Benefactors have promis'd to bestow some yearly Pension for the Support of the Hospital. Thus,

An Eminent Patron has hitherto contributed *Two Hundred* Dollars per *Ann.*

A Person of Quality gives one *Hundred* Dollars a Year.

Another Benefactor *Twenty.* And again another gives every half Year *Thirty* Rixdollars.

Another Encourager of these charitable Foundations us'd to lay out *Fifty* Rixdollars per *Ann.* towards our relief, and promised withal to bequeath *Five Hundred* by his Will. Which after his Death has been readi-

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ly perform'd by the Executors, and ſent at a Time when the Hoſpital was reduc'd to great Streights and Neceſſity.

Another Perſon, whoſe Name is not known, is pleas'd to ſend a Yearly Sum of *Forty* Dollars.

§. 13. It has been mention'd in the firſt *Account of the Providential Foot-Steps*, what preſſing Difficulties we paſs'd through, when the firſt Foundation of this Work was laid. The ſame have attended us all along, eſpecially when the Houſe once rais'd came to be enlarg'd by ſome additional Buildings, and ſo required more coſt and attendance. Our Streights have been now and then ſo great, that even thoſe that engag'd with me in the ſame Work, ſeem'd ſomewhat concern'd at the delay of that Divine Support, which uſed to follow us. Thus I remember, that one time grappling with abundance of Difficulties, upon account of want and penury, we were put to ſo ſharp Trials, that I found reaſon to thank God, for keeping up as yet the Mind of my Fellow-Labourers in ſuch a degree of Patience and Compoſedneſs, as was neceſſary to get through the

the Hardſhips, that then ſurrounded us on all Hands. But when things were now at the worſt, and even ſome of my Fellow-labourers beginning to reaſon together about the delay of that ready Aſſiſtance, we all along had enjoy'd; then the Lord was pleas'd to pour forth at once ſuch a plentiful Effuſion of his divine Goodneſs, as reviv'd our Spirits, like a barren Soil, is quicken'd and refreſhed by a ſweet and ſeaſonable Shower coming in upon it. For in the very hour, when ſuch Diſcourſes happen'd, (with the Subſtance whereof they themſelves ſoon after acquainted me,) I ſhow'd them, what conſiderable *Bills of Exchange* were in the mean time come to my Hands, for the Uſe of the Hoſpital; the value whereof amounting to no leſs than *Five Thouſand Rixdollars*, to be paid in immediately.

§. 14. It can hardly be expreſs'd, what a deep Senſe this unlook'd for Providence, and the particular Circumſtances attending it, left, not only upon me, but alſo upon thoſe to whoſe ſhare it fell, to be partakers with me, both of the pinching Streights and of the happy Relief that followed 'em. Such

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as have been poor themſelves, and afterwards by an unexpected turn of Providence happily ſupplied, are the moſt competent Judges of that Senſe, we had both in our want, and in the ſignal Deliverance out of it.

As for the Benefactor himſelf, I muſt needs ſay, that neither applauſe of Men too many uſe to catch at by ſuch eminent Gifts, nor any other ſiniſter *By-end*, has moved him to ſo conſiderable a Charity; of which the whole Train of Circumſtances that accompanied this Affair, may moſt viſibly convince us. For this reaſon, he would needs have his Name conceal'd, and no notice at all taken of ſo bountiful an Encouragement. In a Word: I cannot aſcribe ſo ſurpriſing a Relief to any thing elſe, but to the paternal Providence of God himſelf, influencing the Heart of this worthy Benefactor, who, tho' he knew nothing of the particular Circumſtances we then ſtruggled with, was made Inſtrumental to ſupply our wants by ſo ſeaſonable an Aſſiſtance. And this makes me ſay with the Prophet: *Bleſs the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his Benefits.* And again: *The Lord hath done great things*

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for us; whereof we are glad. And as for the Charitable Benefactor himſelf, I offer up this my hearty wiſh and Prayer: "Remember, O Lord, in the "Day of Retribution, the Good he "has done for us. *And truly, God is not Unrighteous to forget ſuch a Work of Love.*

§. 15. Some time after this, *Forty* Rixdollars were ſent for the uſe of the Hoſpital; The Steward at the ſame time ſent a Bill of Expences, requiring *Ninety* Rixdollars. I gave him the *Forty* Rixdollars I juſt then had receiv'd, and ſent him word withal, the remaining *Fifty* ſhould follow as ſoon as they came to my Hands. Preſently after aSum of*Fifty* Rixdollars more was ſent in, not in the leaſt foreſeen, and thereby our want very ſeaſonably ſupplied.

§. 16. *Auguſt* the 17*th*, one *Hundred* Guilders were ſent, which a Perſon had left by Will to the Hoſpital. Juſt when theſe came in, I was call'd upon to pay *Twenty* Rixdollars; which then were diſcharged immediately.

The next Day *Fifty* Rixdollars more came from an Imperial City: And a certain Miniſter ſent a Gift of *Eight* Rixdollars beſtow'd by a Widow, and

a Note containing the following Words writ by her: "This is ſent "out of a ſmall Stock, but an up- "right Intention by a Widow, for "the Uſe of poor Orphans or Wi- "dows maintained at *Hall*.

§. 17. In the ſame Month a ſmall parcel of Money was found in the common Alms-Box, ſet up in the Hoſpital, with theſe Words added to it: "This is given by a Student, who by "unlawful and ſiniſter Practices hav- "ing taken ſo much from another "Man, has now loſt all Opportunity "to reſtore it to its right Owner. "Pray accept of this, and beſeech the "Lord in my behalf, to pardon ſo "grievous an Offence for Chriſt's "Sake.

§. 18. In the Month of *September*, one *Hundred* Rixdollars were ſent in with a Letter attending them; but having put no Name to it, the Benefactor remains unknown to me. May the Lord himſelf be an abundant Compenſation to this unknown Friend, nay to all thoſe that any ways have been employ'd about the promoting of this Work!

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In this Month it happen'd, that a Perſon of Quality ſent the Narrative, containing the moſt *remarkable Inſtances of God's Providence over the Hoſpital*, to another eminent Lady, without the leaſt deſign to move her or her Conſort to any Contribution. But no ſooner had the latter peruſed it, but he found himſelf, by the reading thereof, ſo powerfully affected, that no leſs than an *Hundred Lewis d'Or* were ſent forthwith for the Uſe of the Hoſpital.

§. 19. In the Month of *October*, we were reduc'd to ſuch Streights, that the very weekly Salary allotted to the Maſters, and without which they can't ſubſiſt, began to fail. Soon after a Parcel was ſent in, containing the Sum of *Thirty* Rixdollars, *Two Dutch* Dollars, *One Danzker*, *One Daniſh*, and *One Saxon* Dollar: Likewiſe *One* Ducat, *One* Roſenoble, a Silver-Cup, and a Silver-Diſh gilt over, and *Nine* Silver-Spoons.

In this Month a Traveller paſſing through here, left *Four* Rixdollars, ſealed up in a Letter for the Hoſpital.

Soon after a certain Counteſs ſent *Fifty* Rixdollars, and a Gentleman *Ten*,

Ten, much about the ſame time.

§. 20. In this *Month* the Buſineſs about the Miſſionaries in *Malabar*, and their humble Requeſt, for ſeaſonable Remittances of Money to carry on the Work, came to be known. The whole Deſign being publiſhed to the World, left up and down a favourable Impreſſion in Peoples Minds, and ſoon after *Four* Ducats were beſtowed for this purpoſe. This prov'd a Foundation for raiſing ſome larger Contributions, for facilitating in ſome degree ſo hazardous an Enterprize. (*a*) However, as the Lord was pleaſed to ſend in a ſupply to be diſpers'd in the *Eaſt-Indies*, for encouraging ſo promiſing a Work, ſo our Home-poor were likewiſe reliev'd by the Gift of *One* Ducat left here by a Student going hence, and *Three* more ſent by a Gentlewoman living a great way off.

§. 21. *October* the Tenth, A Country-Parſon ſent *Three* Rixdollars, and *Four* Buſhels of Wheat, for the Sup-

(*a*) See the 8*th* Letter of the Account at large, In the *Propagation of the Goſpel in the Eaſt*, printed in *Engliſh* in the Year 1709. And Sold by *J. Downing*.

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port of our Poor. In the ſame Month an Acquaintance of mine ſent *Sixty* Rixdollars, put into his Hands by an eminent Perſon for the Good of the Orphans. Soon after a Meſſenger came from one who would be unknown, and brought a parcel of *Fourteen* Rixdollars to the ſame End.

§. 22. The *firſt* of *November*, An Outlandiſh Patron ſent *Twenty* Rixdollars. And on the *Second*, a Benefactor beſtow'd *Sixteen* Buſhels of Malt for a Brewing. After this we found in the Box ſeveral Gifts. As a Ducat put up in a Paper, with theſe Words writ upon it: "O Lord God, "thou knoweſt, for what reaſon I "throw in here this ſmall Mite. May'ſt "thou, who art able to multiply it, "be pleas'd to beſtow an abundant "Bleſſing upon it.

§. 23. 'Twas in the Month of *December*, when an Eminent Benefactor, on his Birth-Day, generouſly laid out *Two* and *Twenty* Rixdollars for a more than ordinary Treatment of the Children; he having continued this for ſeveral Years paſt.

In the Beginning of this Month, we happen'd to find in the Alms-Box one ſingle,

ſingle, and and double Ducat wrapt up in a Paper, having the following Words writ upon it: " This ſmall Gift is " preſented to the Hoſpital by a Stu- " dent of Divinity, whoſe mournful " and dejected Soul the Lord was pleas'd " powerfully to raiſe and to affect by " the *monitory Diſcourſe*, deliver'd in " the Orphan-Houſe this Day; hav- " ing found my Soul extraordinarily " melted and wrought into a comfor- " table frame by the Words follow- " ing: *'Tis all one to our Lord, whether* " *he ſignalizes his Mercy by forgiving a* " *few, or a great many Sins, in the Conver-* " *ſion of a true Penitent.* I hope theſe " Words, having left ſo profound and " joyful an Impreſſion upon my Mind, " ſhall have the intended Effect in the " Converſion of my Soul.

§. 24. Another Gift of *One Hundred* Rixdollars was ſent by a certain Gentleman; and another by a Widow of *Fifty*. And again, another Widow ſent the ſame Sum. And truly, before theſe *Three* Sums came in, our Want was very great. What then moſt rais'd my Mind in Prayer, was that comfortable Expreſſion of *David*: *Thou openeſt thine Hand*, and no ſmall com-

comfort was added thereto, when I now ſaw the fulfilling thereof by the aforeſaid Sums.

§. 25. Much about the ſame time there were ſent over from *England* *Chryſoſtom*'s Works, being the *Savilian* Edition, printed at *Eaton*; together with *Henry More*'s Works lately reprinted in *Engliſh*. The latter was ſent by a Miniſter of the Church of *England*, and the former by another Friend, in order to be incorporated into the Library, which is gathering here for the Uſe of the Hoſpital, by ſuch free Gifts as well-diſpoſed Perſons ſhall be willing to contribute for ſo uſeful a Work. A Catalogue is kept, wherein both the Names of the Benefactors, and the Titles of the Books are ſpecified at large.

§. 26. In the ſame Month a Tutor to ſome young Gentlemen being ſent hither by the Parents, brought with him the Sum of *Eighteen* Rixdollars; half part being conferr'd on the Hoſpital, and the other part on the Poor Miſſionaries at *Tranquebar* in the *Eaſt-Indies*.

CHAP.

CHAP. II.

Containing ſuch remarkable Inſtances of Providence, and of other Occaſional Contributions, as happen'd in the Year 1708.

JAN. the *Fourth*, A Gentleman after having read the *Account* concerning the Hoſpital here, ſent a Letter with a Bill of Exchange of *Two Hundred* Rixdollars, for the Support of our Poor.

§. 2. Much about the ſame time a certain Superintendent ſent one *Hundred* Bibles, for the uſe of the Hoſpital; and a Gentlewoman made over ſome *Linnen* for the ſame End. Likewiſe a Gentleman who travell'd left *Fifty* Rixdollars.

§. 3. In the ſame *Month*, a Count ſent the Sum of *Four* and *Twenty* Rixdollars, being deſigned as a *Chriſtmaſs*-Gift for the Poor Children. A Merchant about the ſame time beſtow'd *Six* Rixdollars, and one whoſe Name was not made known to me, offer'd the ſame Sum.

§. 4. *Jan.*

§. 4. *Jan.* the 20*th*, A ſingle Rix-dollar was found in the Alms-Box. It was put up in a Paper, which had theſe Words added to it: " A poor " deſolate Soul groaning under the " load of the Sins of her Youth, and " expoſed to the laſh of a guilty and " enrag'd Conſcience, deſires your " Prayers for receiving ſome relief at " the Hand of the Lord, and for pre-" venting the utter deſpair ſhe is " threatned with.

§. 5. *Jan.* the 25*th*, A Widow ſent in *Fifty* Rixdollars. A Gentle-woman *Twenty*; and another *Eighty* Pound of Flax for the Support of our Poor.

In this Month I receiv'd a Letter from *London*, importing that *Thirty Engliſh* Cheeſes, preſented to the Hoſpi-tal by ſome charitable Gentlewomen there, were ſhipp'd off for *Hamborough* in order to be made over to us. Al-moſt the ſame Number was ſent us by the *Dutch* ſome Years ago.

§. 6. 'Twas alſo in this Month, that *John Chriſtoph Godſchalck*, a piouſly diſpos'd Young-Man, and Student of Divinity here, departed this Life, and left by Will *One Thouſand* Rixdollars

to

to our poor Orphans. This Sum was readily paid down by the Executors, being themſelves Well-wiſhers to our Hoſpital, and prov'd a ſeaſonable help for diſchargeng ſome neceſſary debts we then had contracted.

§. 7. In *Febuary*, A Miniſter's Widow ſent *Ten* Rixdollars, left by her Husband for the Hoſpital.

The 11*th*, A Friend ſent *Four* pound Sterling from *England*, and another ſent *Six* pound from the ſame place.

The 13*th*, A Gentlewoman living in *Franconia* preſented *Six* Rixdollars, and a Friend at *Nurenbergh Four*.

The 23*th*. A Benefactor unknown to me beſtow'd *Ten* Rixdollars, and a Letter from *Berlin* brought *Five*. The 29*th*, a Miniſter in *Holſtein* preſented *Ten* Rixdollars.

§. 8. The 3*d* of *March*, *Two* Rixdollars were found in the Box, with this Superſcription: " This is given with " ſimplicity of Heart, by a Woman " now going hence, after ſhe has been " faithfully taught the Path of Life " and Peace in the Charity-Schools " here.

The

The 6*th*, A Gentlewoman ſent *Two* Ducats, and a Doctor of Phyſick *Twelve* Dollars towards our ſupport.

The 7*th*. An eminent Benefactor conferred on the Hoſpital the Sum of *One Thouſand* Dollars, to be paid by the Executors after his Death; and till then the Hoſpital was to receive the Intereſt thereof, amounting to *Fifty* Dollars per *Ann*.

§. 9. The 9*th*, A Gentleman offer'd *Six* Ducats; and *Fifty* Guilders were ſent from an Imperial City, by one of the Magiſtrates there.

The 11*th*, A Noble-Man ſent the Sum of *One Hundred* Rixdollars, with a Letter, the Subſtance whereof was, "That ſince he was viſibly convinc'd "the Lord himſelf hitherto had been "the great Support of our Charity-"School, particularly ſince it was "rais'd to ſo large and ſpacious College "from ſo inconſiderable Gifts caſt in "at firſt; he found himſelf in duty "bound, to contribute ſomething to-"wards its further Succeſs.

The 22*th*, A Benefactor ſent *Fifty* Dollars, put into his Hands by a Perſon of eminent Extraction, who would not be known by Name.

§. 10.

§. 10 In the Month of *April*, a Benefactor ſent *Fifty* Dollars; and a Merchant whoſe Sons are educated here, beſtow'd *Twelve*.

§. 11. In the Beginning of the Month of *May*, a Patron ſent the Sum of one *Hundred* and *Seventy One* Rixdollars. He ordered *Hundred & Fourteen* Dollars of that Sum to be paid to the Hoſpital. *Ten* were to be given to a certain indigent Student; and the reſt was to be laid out for procuring Food and Phyſick to ſuch as were Sick and Weak. All which has been punctually obſerv'd in the diſpoſing of this Money.

The ſame Day a Gentleman, who was Secretary to a Count, ſent about *Two* and *Twenty* Dollars; which ſoon after were follow'd by a Sum of *Fifty* Dollars convey'd hither by an unknown Patron for the ſupport of the Miſſionaries at *Tranquebar* in the *Eaſt-Indies*.

§. 12. The 7*th*, Another Benefactor, not known to me, ſent *Five* and *Twenty* Dollars to the Hoſpital.

The 10*th*, A Univerſity-Profeſſor in *Pruſſia* ſent *Eight* and *Twenty* Dollars, giving an Account at the ſame time of

of the many falſe and malicious reports ſpread in thoſe Parts concerning the Hoſpital here; (he himſelf being then prejudiced againſt it;) which however now, after having ſeriouſly peruſed the *Narrative* publiſh'd on this behalf, were happily remov'd from his Mind.

§. 13. The 13*th*, A Perſon not known ſent *Three* Dollars; and a Count travelling through here, preſented us with *Three* Ducats more.

The 15*th*, A Widow-Lady ſent *Thirty* Rixdollars, and *Seven* and *Fifty* more, left by her deceaſed Husband to our Hoſpital, were made over with that Sum. At the ſame time a charitable Merchant, who often has refreſh'd our Poor, beſtow'd now again *Ten* Dollars; and theſe were attended with *Nine* more ſent by another, for the Relief of the *Malabar*-Chriſtians in the *Eaſt*.

The 23*d*, A Perſon of Quality beſtow'd *Thirty* Rixdollars; and the 24*th*, A Benefactor reſiding here, ſupplied the Hoſpital with *Thirty* Buſhels of Corn.

§. 14. The 12*th* of *June*, A Miniſter ſent *Three* Ducats given by one who, after having read and conſidered the *Mar-*

vellous Foot-Steps of Providence over the Hoſpital, was pleas'd to beſtow that Charity.

The ſame Day, *Two Hundred* and *Twenty* Rixdollars, order'd by a Gentleman, for the Relief and Cure of our Sick, were paid down.

The 15*th*, An eminent Patron cauſed *Two Hundred* Rixdollars to be paid to the Hoſpital, being part of a certain Sum of Money due to him; which now, at its diſcharge, he was pleaſed to confer on the Hoſpital.

The 19*th*, a Traveller left *Six* Rixdollars; and the Day following, a Gentleman who had ſtudied here, ſent *Fifty*.

§. 15. The 26*th*, A Gentleman in the King's Service preſented our Poor with *Fifty* Rixdollars; and the 27*th*, another having taken a Survey of the Hoſpital, order'd the Sum of *One Hundred* Rixdollars to be paid for our preſent Neceſſities.

On the ſame Day, a ſmall Parcel of Money was found in the Box, with theſe Latin Words added to it:

Pauperibus pauper, pupillis Orphanus (aſſem
Cum precibus præbet, poſcit & ipſe preces.

§. 16.

§. 16. The 1*ſt* of *July*, A Colonel ſent ſome Foreign Coin, amounting to about *Eighteen* Rixdollars.

The 3*d*, Some Friends in *Thuringia*, ſent *Two* Rixdollars; one whereof being deſigned for the Poor of the Hoſpital, and the other for the *Malabar*-Converts in the *Eaſt*.

The 13*th*, A Miniſter ſent *Twenty* Dollars for our Relief, expreſſing withal in his Letter, the particular joy and comfort he found himſelf affected with, upon acoount of that great and uncommon Encouragement we hitherto had met with, in carrying on the Work once begun.

§. 17. The 17*th*, A certain outlandiſh Merchant, and an Induſtrious Promoter of the charitable Inſtitutions here, conferr'd a Sum of *Five Hundred* Rixdollars, with a Letter, containing a great many Wiſhes for a ſucceſsful continuance of the whole Deſign.

The 28*th*, A Benefactor reſiding here ſent *Thirty* Rixdollars; and the 31*ſt*, an *Engliſh* Nobleman paſſing through this Place in his Travels, left *Twenty* Rixdollars for the Relief of our Poor.

§. 18. The 4*th* of *Auguſt*, A certain Benefactor, who all along has kindly

remembred our Poor, came hither, and left one *Hundred* Rixdollars, committed to his Truſt, by two Well-wiſhers to the Hoſpital, each of them contributing *Fifty*. This was attended with *Five* more coming from another Friend, and he himſelf made an Addition of *Twelve* Rixdollars more, out of his own Stock.

§. 19. The *9th*, A Perſon of Quality tranſmitted a Sum of *Thirty* Rixdollars; and this was follow'd the next Day by about one *Hundred* Imperial Guilders, deſigned for a Relief both of the poor Students and of the Children maintained in the Hoſpital here.

The *13th*, A Doctor in Law, beſtowed *Twenty* Rixdollars towards our Relief; and the *18th*, *Five* more were ſent from *Lithuania*.

The *20th* of this Month was made remarkable by a Sum of *Two Hundred* Rixdollars ſent by a Benefactor, who often has appeared for our Relief.

§. 20. The *26th*, One of our Fellow-labourers returning from a Journey brought (1) with him a *Hundred* Rixdollars, which were put into his Hands by a Perſon of Quality. (2) *Twenty* Rixdollars that came from a Lady.

Lady. (3) a Silver-Beaker. And (4) one *Hundred* Rixdollars from a Gentleman, deſign'd to be a ſupport of the poor *Malabarians* in the *Eaſt*.

§. 21. The 29*th*, A Letter was ſent from *Venice*, with the agreeable News, that Mr. *Jo. Criſtoph. Pommer*, a *Proteſtant Merchant* there lately deceas'd, had order'd by Will, that *three Thouſand Venetian Ducats*, conſiſting each of ſix *Lire* and four *Soldi*, ſhould be paid to the Hoſpital within the compaſs of Ten Years after his Deceaſe. The *Three Hundred* Ducats paid off the firſt time, for an abatement of the whole Sum, amounted to *two Hundred ſixty ſix* Rixdollars.

§. 22. The 1*ſt* of *September*, A Gentlewoman preſented *ſixteen* Dollars; and on the 9*th*, a Profeſſor ſent *Four* Dollars of a *French* Coin.

The 11*th*, A Guinea was ſent by a Friend from *London*; and the 13*th*, one more was ſent from the ſame Place.

The 17*th*, a Bill of Exchange, containing the Sum of *Fifty ſix* Rixdollars, was tranſmitted by a Miniſter of a publick Character for the Hoſpital.

The 24*th*, We found about *Nine* Rixdollars in the ſame Alms-Box, which in the Year 1695. had the 18*s*. 6*d*.

Engliſh put into it, and which prov'd the very firſt Encouragement towards laying the Foundation of all the ſucceeding Inſtitutions.

§. 23. The *1ſt* of *October*, was attended with a Sum of *Forty* Rixdollars, coming from a Benefactor whoſe Name is not known.

The *6th*, A Poor Orphan was receiv'd into the Hoſpital, who at the ſame time brought *Fifty* Dollars with him from thoſe that recommended him; and this Sum prov'd very ſeaſonable, to ſupply our preſent Occaſions, there being juſt ſo much required for buying up Corn for the Maintenance of the Poor.

§. 24. The *12th*, A Friend returning from a Journey he had taken into his own Country, brought *Ten* Rixdollars for the Orphans, and *Two* Ducats, together with ſome Silver-Money for the *Malabarians* in the *Eaſt*.

The ſame Day, we had a Sum of a *Hundred* and *Ten* Rixdollars tranſmitted for the Relief of ſuch Heathens in *Malabar*, as after having embrac'd the Chriſtian Religion were reduc'd to Want and Poverty. The Letter accompanying this Sum, contain'd among others the following Words: "The

"Lord

" Lord Jeſus Chriſt, though he was " Rich, yet for our Sakes became " Poor, that we by his Poverty might " be Rich, be pleas'd to ſtir up by his " Spirit the Hearts of many, to com- " miſerate the Need and Poverty of " thoſe that believe in Chriſt in ſo " diſtant a Country, and generouſly to " convey beyond the Seas part of their " temporal Means, for the Spiritual " Good and Improvement of the Hea- " thens. —— May the Lord be pleas'd " to cultivate this his Vine, that un- " der his gracious Influence it may bud " forth and increaſe plentifully! May " the Power of his glorious Goſpel be " diſplay'd among the moſt diſtant " Nations, in order to turn 'em from " Darkneſs to Light, and from the " Power of Satan unto God, that " they may receive forgiveneſs of Sins, " and Inheritance among them which " are ſanctified by Faith that is in " Chriſt!

The 19*th*, A piece of Cloth was given for the Uſe of the Orphans. And the 22*d*, was attended with a Gift of *Five* and *Twenty* Dollars ſent by an unknown Hand.

§. 25.

§. 25. On the *first* of *November*, A charitable Woman, who all along has been kind to our Poor, sent *Fifty Two* Yards of Linnen.

The 8*th*, A Person of Quality, and great Encourager of good Constitutions, conferr'd now again a Sum of *Five* and *Twenty* Rixdollars; and another Gift of the same Value, he presented to the Missionaries in the *East*.

The 9*th*, Prov'd remarkable for *Ten* Sacks of *Meal*, sent by an eminent Benefactor residing in Town.

§. 26. The 25*th*, I receiv'd a Letter from a Person of Quality, containing in Substance, "That by the reading of "some practical Pieces publish'd at "*Hall*, she had learn'd how to walk "before the Lord, with a more real "*Sincerity* of Heart, than the com-"mon way was. Likewise what a "noble Virtue true *Humility* of Heart "was, and what fervency of Spirit "was required in our daily *Prayers* "and Applications to the Lord. The "spiritual Benefit she had reaped from "these and the like instructive Treati-"ses, had mov'd her to make a grate-"ful return of some bodily Relief to "the Hospital. This was a Present

of

of *Three Hundred* Rixdollars, to be paid at certain Times, which she was pleased to fix for that Purpose.

The 30*th*, One Ducat was given me by a Gentlewoman; and on the same Day, a Rixdollar was sent by a Person unknown to me, with these Words added to it: "This is sent by one "who in a distant Country is mov'd "by a principle of Love and Charity, "to feed and to refresh the Lord Jesus, "in his poor and sick Members at "*Glaucha* near *Hall.*

§. 27. On the *Second* of *December*, which happen'd to be the first *Sunday* of *Advent*, *Ten* Dollars were found in the *Alms-box*, with a Paper containing the following Words: *These few Mites (the half whereof is given to the Orphan-house, and the other half to the Preachers at the newly rais'd Jerusalem,* (this is the Name of the Church rais'd for the Service of the Malabarians (*b*) *amongst the Heathens,*) *are bestow'd out of a cordial and grateful Affection, by a Soul, which in this House has learn'd the nature of a living Faith,*

(*b*) See the 9*th* Letter of the *Propagation of the Gospel in the East*, pag. 71. Sold by *J. Downing.*

and

and of a true practical Religion. May the Lord attend the Director of these Foundations with an uninterrupted Blessing! May he grant his request whenever he approaches the Throne of Grace, and say Amen to all his Endeavours! May he himself, and those that belong to him, prosper! And may this House be a constant support and comfort to the poor and distressed, &c.

§. 28. The 22*d*, a little Money put up in a Paper was found in the Alms-Box. The following Words were added: "This is given by a poor Stu-"dent, now under a sharp conflict a-"gainst inveterate Sins and Corrup-"tions. He desires your hearty Pray-"ers, for obtaining a pure and serene "Conscience, attended with a sweet "Sense of the Love and gracious Par-"don granted for Christ's Sake.

§. 29. The 27*th*, was remarkable on account of a Sum of *Two Hundred* Rixdollars sent by a Person of Quality, who had engaged to settle an Annual Gift of one *Hundred* Dollars upon the Orphans: But being hindred hitherto from performing it, was now pleas'd to pay two Years at once.

The

The 28*th*, A Noble man ſent *Twenty* Rixdollars, and another Benefactor ſome Corn, for the Support of the Poor.

The 30*th*, A Perſon of Quality tranſmitted one *Hundred* Rixdollars, diſpoſing *Seventy* thereof in favour of the Hoſpital, and ordering the remaining *Thirty* to be ſent to the Miſſionaries at *Tranquebar*.

§. 30. And thus the Supreme Diſpoſer of all our Bleſſings, hath carried us once more to the End of a Year. The Lord, according to his paternal Goodneſs, has ſo ſeaſonably reliev'd us throughout the whole Year, that this Month only has been attended with particular Trials of want and indigency. This forc'd us to ſupply our preſent occaſions by turning even ſuch Things into Money, as might otherwiſe have been improved to a greater Advantage of the whole Foundation. However, we have reaſon to magnifie the Lord, for not having ſuffer'd us to lack any thing; but ſteering our courſe betwixt want and plenty, hath ſafely brought us at laſt to an happy Concluſion of this *YEAR*.

FINIS.

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A *Dutch* Dollar,		0	2	8
A *Dutch* Guilder,		0	1	9
An *Imperial* Guilder,		0	3	0
A *Venetian* Ducat,	about		4	0
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